NH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE DIRECTIVE			CHAPTER Health Services STATEMENT NUMBER 6.74	
SUBJECT:	DISCHARGE MEDICATE PATIENTS AND INMATE		EFFECTIVE DATE	06/15/14 06/15/15
PROPONENT:	Helen Hanks, Administrative Name/Title Medical/Forensic Services		SUPERSEDES PPD#	6.74
	Office	Phone #	DATED	07/01/13
ISSUING OFFICER:			DIRECTOR'S INITIALS: DATE:	
William Wrenn, Commissioner			APPENDIX ATTACHED: YES NO	
REFERENCE NO: See reference section on last page of PPD.				

## I. <u>PURPOSE:</u>

To provide continuity of care to patients/inmates receiving medications at the time of discharge/release from NH Department of Corrections (NHDOC) facilities.

# II. <u>APPLICABILITY:</u>

To all staff involved in discharge planning for patients and inmates on prescribed medications.

#### III. POLICY:

It is the policy of the NH Department of Corrections that:

- A. Licensed prescribers will direct the healthcare staff regarding provisions for continuation of medications after release from NHDOC facilities. The psychiatric prescribers will provide direction for psychotropic medications.
- B. The prescriber may:
  - 1. Coordinate for continuity of patient/inmate care with outside agencies;
  - 2. Write and sign an order to ensure that the patient/inmate is given at least a two week supply of all medications currently prescribed at the time of discharge (except Schedule II medications).
  - 3. Provide the patient/inmate with prescription(s) to be filled after release or call into the pharmacy in which the patient/inmate will be getting their prescriptions in the community. This may also include a prescription for diabetic supplies, if needed. For patients/inmates with specialty care issues, we will work to coordinate a plan for medication supplies.
  - 4. Advise the patient/inmate to see an appropriate healthcare provider at the time of discharge.
- C. Medication(s) must be given to the patient/inmate in a properly labeled medication vial by the pharmacy.

### IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. The nursing staff will ask the providers to review the record and write a medication order for any patient/inmate scheduled to be discharged while taking prescription drugs.
- B. The healthcare staff may discuss discharge plans with the patient/inmate including medications.
- C. The nursing staff will process with the pharmacy all discharge prescriptions which will be filled by the pharmacy unless the prescription has already been given to the patient/inmate for ordering in the community due to the patient/inmates established health insurance coverage.
- D. Upon preparation of the medication, the pharmacy will ensure delivery of the discharge medication/s in NH Board of Pharmacy approved packaging to the patient/inmate.
- E. Upon discharge, the patient/inmate is properly counseled about the medications provided and that he/she will sign verifying receipt of the medications at the time of release.

#### REFERENCES:

Standards for the Administration of Correctional Agencies
Second Edition Standards

<u>Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions</u> Fourth Edition Standards

<u>Standards for Adult Community Residential Services</u> Fourth Edition Standards

Standards for Adult Probation and Parole Field Services
Third Edition Standards

Other

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